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SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" May I request the Government to arrive at a decision about the name of this community with the co-operation of the community? In three questions that are being put by Mr. Ethirajulu, in one the community is referred to as ' Vannar ', in the second as ' Salavaikarar ' and in the third as ' Washermen ', and all the same, Government name them as ' Dhobies '? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is a professional name. It is an occupational name. It is not possible to invent and force a particular name upon the community. Those who speak Tamil call themselves '*Vannars*'. Those who speak Telugu use the name *Sakalavadu*. '*Salavaikarar*' is a Tamil-Telugu fusion. ' Dhobi ' is a Hindustani term and is freely used all over the land. We call them ' Washermen ' in English. If we try to insist on any particular name we will only have quarrels rather than settlement. It is better to leave things as they stand at present in each particular instance, rather than trying to invent a new name and force it on the community. Further the group is treated as a caste when they talk of certain privileges but it is really an occupation so far as the interests are concerned."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What is the Malayalam name, Sir." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think ' Vannar ' as in Tamil."

Modified Elementary Education Scheme.

* 34 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names and official positions of the members of the Committee constituted in connexion with the new Elementary Education Scheme;

(*b*) the terms of reference to the Committee;

(*c*) when the Report of the Committee was received by the Government; and

(*d*) whether it will be placed before the Legislature for consideration; and if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) (1) Professor R. V. Parulekar (Chairman), Director of the Indian Institute of Education, Bombay.

(2) Dr. B. B. Dey, Retired Director of Public Instruction.

(3) Sri M. Mujeeb, Vice-Chanceller, Jamia Milia, Delhi.

(4) Sri S. Govindarajulu Naidu, (Member-Secretary), Director of Public Instruction, Madras, *now* Director of Public Instruction (Andhra).

" (*b*) The terms of the reference to the Committee were :

(i) to examine the system of elementary education as it prevailed in the State till last year and the manner in

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which the quality of that education can be improved and the number of pupils receiving education can be increased; and

(ii) to examine the Modified scheme of Elementary Education and its working particularly in relation to the objects stated in item (i) in all its implications, and make recommendations on the subject to Government.

" (c) On 25th November 1953.

" (d) Copies of the report have been placed on the Table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, why no one from Madras State was appointed as a member of this Committee."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu, the previous Director of Public Instruction, belongs to Madras."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Was the Committee expected to visit any of the villages in the State to review the conditions of the schools there or was it instructed only to submit a theoretical commentary on the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They were left to work out their own procedure."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" With reference to answer to clause (d) of the question, may I know when the report of the committee would come up for discussion before the Council? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government are considering the various recommendations of the Committee. As soon as the examination of the scheme in the light of the recommendations of the Committee is over, the scheme would be placed before the Council for discussion."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" May I ask the Hon. the Minister for Education whether the recommendations of the Committee are so reasonable as to be adopted by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are still examining the proposals. Most of the recommendations are likely to be adopted."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Are those recommendations of the Committee in agreement with the scheme that has been propagated by the Government so that no radical changes need be made in the scheme as it emerged from the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to go through the report of the Committee and draw his own conclusions."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What will be the approximate financial commitment to the State if all the recommendations of the Committee are carried out? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"That is being examined by the Government and the matter is under their active consideration."

Schemes to be financed from the Madras State Loan, 1963, floated in July 1953.

* 35 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of schemes ordered to be financed out of the 4 per cent Madras State Loan, 1963, floated in July 1953 and the amount allotted to each of the schemes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the basis of a provisional allocation, the net proceeds of this loan actually made available to the Madras Government is Rs. 617 lakhs. The Government have not issued any order allocating the proceeds for utilization on specific schemes. According to the latest forecast, the probable expenditure on schemes in progress in the current year to be financed out of the loan proceeds, is as shown below :—

Irrigation works—

	Amount in lakhs.
	RS.
Manimuthar Project	115
Mettur Canals Scheme	26
Araniyar Projects	12
Walayar Project	11
Mangalam Project	11
Other small works	10
Total ...	185

	RS.
Electricity Schemes—	
Pykara Hydro-Electric Scheme	203
Mettur Hydro-Electric Scheme	115
Papanasam Hydro-Electric Scheme	90
Madras Thermal Scheme	152
Compensation for acquired undertakings	1
Total ...	561
Grand total ...	746

The expenditure in excess of the proceeds of the open market loan will be met from the general balances of the Government."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What is the return expected under these development schemes both on irrigation and electricity? Have the Government carried out any investigation regarding the return they would get from these schemes?"